

Letter from Alexander Melville Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, December 31, 1878

Show this to Aleck; I hope, in my anxiety to rush. I and anything amiss.

ELOCUTION: CURE OF STAMMERING, LISPING, BARRING, &c.

PROF. D. C. Bell, (Late of Dublin,) Author of "THE THEORY OF ELOCUTION," "THE MODERN READER AND SPEAKER." "THE STANDARD ELOCUTIONIST," &c., &c.

BEGS to intimate that he has arrived in Town, and, for a few days, will give Lessons in Elocution, Public Reading, and Delivery, with Practical Suggestions for the Alleviation or Removal of Stammering, and all forms of Impeded or Irregular Utterance.

TERMS:

ONE LESSON HALF-A-GUINEA.

THREE LESSONS ONE GUINEA.

In addition to Clergymen, Barristers, Heads of Colleges, Teachers, and Professional Students, in Great Britain, Ireland, Canada, and the United States, Mr. Bell is enabled to refer to his Brother, Professor A. Melville Bell, late of Edinburgh and London, formerly Lecturer on Elocution in University College London; Author of Visible Speech; Principles of Elocution; Emphasized Liturgy, &c., &c. and to his Nephew, Professor A. Graham Bell, Lecturer on Elocution and Vocal Physiology in Boston University, Mass., U. S., Inventor and Patentee of the Telephone.

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22, HOGARTH ROAD, South Kensington, LONDON, S.W.

Tutelo Heights, Brantford, Ont., Can., December 31st, 78. (No envelope) My dear Al.,

I saw Mr. Ceasen yesterday. He says Mary Horne's mouth will not be fit for a proper adjustment of teeth-plate for a couple of months, so we think it best to send Mary off to Mabel at once. You can get the dental work done at Washington when the time arrives. Mr. Stratford will furnish an "open letter" to the Conductors, under which he frequently sends "unprotected females" on longer journeys and I have no doubt Mary will reach her destination in safety. We propose that she shall leave this place on Wednesday(Jan. 8th) by morning train, so you may expect her at the B. and P. depot(6th St.) at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning. I shall see her in the main line train at Harrisburg. We have bright cold weather and good sleighing, but the western end of our road is snow-blocked and we have to drive through a field. Mr. Wilkes is waiting for the assignment of Patent which I sent for your signature some time ago. Don't fail to send this at once. It has to be filed in court. The original assignments being dated before the issue of the Patents are open to objection. I gave Mr. W. the particulars of answers to objections. All well here except myself— still barking from cold. Mamma and all join me in love to Mabel, Elsie and yourself.

Your affectionate father, Alex. Melville Bell.